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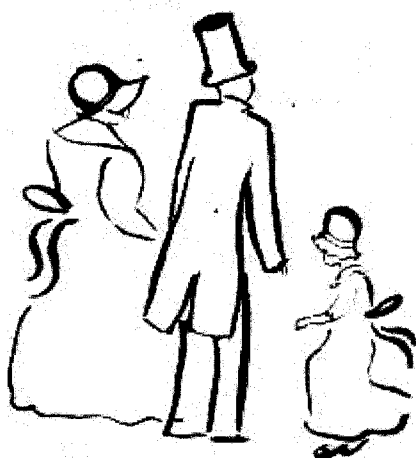
ON Saturday 21st November something exciting and different will be happening at St George's Church. Think Dickens ... think Oliver Twist ... think chestnuts roasting...

The Victorian Fair will be held in the church and will feature old fashioned children's games, an Old Curiosity Shop, parlour music, an old fashioned sweet shop, toys, books, toiletries and much more.

All the stall holders will be dressed in traditional Victorian costume and

even the Lucky Dip will have a Victorian theme. From Victoria sponge to cucumber sandwiches there will be refreshments available and many different activities to interest both young and old - and some great ideas for Christmas presents. The winning scarecrow from the St George's Christmas Scarecrow competition will also be announced and the raffle will feature a Christmas hamper kindly donated by Rectory Lane Farm Shop.

We would love to see you at our Victorian Fair and if you or your children would like to come in Victorian Costume you are welcome ... there are some ideas of costumes on display at the back of the church.



Bishop will license our new Curate this month

BISHOP David Thomson will be at St George's for the morning service on 22nd November when he will celebrate the Eucharist and preach.

During the service he will conduct the formal

licensing of Rev Hannah Hobday as assistant curate to the parish. Hannah has recently moved to the area with her husband Philip, who is also a priest and has been appointed chaplain to Magdalene College.

The couple are no strangers to Cambridge, having both trained for the ministry at Ridley Hall before moving to Kent, where they have both been serving curacies in the Diocese of Canterbury.



Proud Winners!

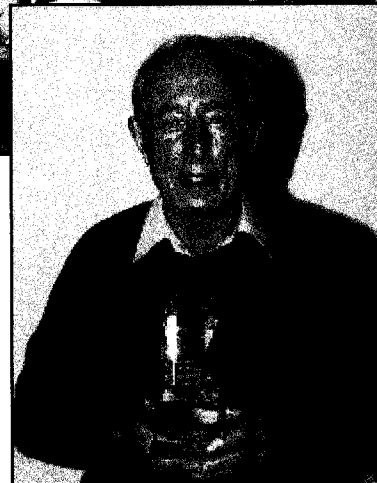
ST GEORGE'S was prominent among the winners at the 'Cambridge News' annual Community Awards ceremony, which was held at Homerton College on 1 October.

The awards were made in 11 categories, including a special Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the University of Cambridge, which was given to Don Flory, the 'Challenge' News Editor, for his work with the newspaper over the past 46 years.

Mr Flory (inset) was overwhelmed to receive a beautiful cut glass trophy, a television and digital radio, and a future trip on the famous Orient Express.

St George's Pram Pushers (seen above) picked up a generous cheque for £230 together with a framed certificate, joint winner in the Children's Support Award category.

The award was received by Elizabeth Newman, who helped to found the group with Gill Calcutt back in 1985.



Sunday Services this month:

Sunday 1st November—All Saints Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
6.30 pm United Evensong

Sunday 8th November—Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist & Act of Remembrance
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 15th November—2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 22nd November—Christ the King

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist with Bishop David
6.30 pm Service at Chesterton Methodists

Sunday 29th November—Advent Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist
4.00 pm Advent Service (see advert on page 3)

Weekday services:

Holy Communion: 9.30 am Wednesdays
Morning Prayer: 8.00 am Monday-Friday,
9.00 am Saturday.

Vicar: Reverend Stephen Bowring
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Festive Choral Soc Concert

THE Chesterton Choral Society will be presenting a feast of festive music at its Christmas Concert on Monday, 7 December at the Chesterton Methodist Church, Green End Road at 7.30pm.

The audience will have their taste-buds tickled by a selection of delightful choruses from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, and will have the opportunity to sing along to a generous helping of popular Christmas carols.

Adding to the ingredients will be Quintus Benziger, Director of Music,

who will be conducting the concert and Edward Lilley, the Society's new young accompanist, a talented pianist and student at Hills Road Sixth Form College.

Tickets for this popular festive treat are £6 (under 16s £3) and can be obtained by calling Jenney Harvey on 276950 or purchased on the door. Tickets can also be obtained from members of the Society or from 'Challenge' News Editor, Don Flory, 162 King's Hedges Road, tel 424916.

Although the Society has some 50 people in the choir, tenors and basses are always required - just call 07778 271398 or email: info@chestertonchoralsociety.org.uk; or come to rehearsals on Monday evenings, 7.30-9.30pm at the Methodist Church.

Sixteen-year-old Edward Lilley, the youngest accompanist to have assisted the Chesterton Choral Society.

70th anniversary for couple who married in new church

MANY congratulations to Gordon and Phyllis Powell, who have just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and who were married at St George's Church on 8 October, 1939, only a few months after the church was built.

The couple were married by the first Vicar of St George's, the Revd Edwin Preece, by special licence as Gordon, who lived in King's Hedges Road, was about to be called up at the start of World War Two for service with the Middlesex Regiment.

He spent the next six years as a machine gunner, first in France and later in the North African and Italian campaigns.

After the war Gordon joined the Cambridge Fire

Service until his retirement in 1974 when he worked for a further 10 years as porter at Cambridge's oldest college, Peterhouse.

His wife, Phyllis (nee Everitt), who lived in Arbury Road before her marriage, told 'Challenge': "It doesn't seem 70 years since we attended the

ceremony at St George's, but we've been very blessed with a long and happy marriage."

Gordon is now 90 years old and Phyllis 89 years. They now live in a flat in Dunstan Court off Wulfstan Way in Cambridge. They have two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren!

Call to Scotland for Sheila

MEMBERS of St George's Church said goodbye last month to the Revd Sheila Cameron, who had assisted at the church for the past two and a half years.

Sheila has returned to Scotland, she was born in Perth, to become Priest in Charge at St Anne's, Scottish Episcopal Church at Dunbar, near Edinburgh.

"I've spent a wonderful few years in Cambridge," she told 'Challenge', "and I shall miss my many friends at St George's, but its time to move on and return to my roots in Scotland."

Sheila studied at St Andrew's and Stirling Universities before moving to London to work at the London Library near St James's Square, studying theology in her spare time and also working voluntarily at St Martins-in-the-Field.

She came to Cambridge in 1993 to work at the

University Library, and was ordained deacon in 2006 and then priest whilst serving at St George's, in 2007 in Ely Cathedral.



Sheila Cameron, who has left Cambridge to become Priest-in-charge of a parish in Dunbar, Scotland after serving for over two years at St George's.

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Cash from the street party

FRIENDS and residents of Sherbourne Close spent a fun evening recently getting to know one another and raising money for Amnesty International.

"Up went the bunting, out came the tables and chairs followed by food, wine and music", said resident Kathy Bowles.

A total of £226 was raised and Amnesty fundraiser, Beti Leppert, would like to thank everybody who contributed.

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New School building set for completion

THE £8 million new Shirley Community Primary School, now being constructed on the former St Andrew's Junior School site in Nuffield Road, is on course to be handed over by the builders, Morgan Ashurst of Sawston, by March 2011.

This was revealed by the headteacher, Angela Leach, to those attending the regular East Chester-ton Information Exchange meeting at Brown's Field Community Centre recently.

In 2006 the County Council decided to merge St Andrew's Junior School with Shirley Infants' School, Green End Road to eventually form one primary school on the Nuffield Road site, where at present four classes of children continue to be taught.

Mrs Leach said the builders had been very helpful since work began last year, and had done everything possible to keep the noise level down and avoid disruption at the present school. "We did have some of the children a little upset when they heard the creaking sound of several large trees being cut down", said Mrs Leach, "but on the whole they have been very interested in what has been going on at the site."

Mrs Leach explained that 8 new classrooms would be available for use when Phase One of the construction is completed in February next year.

"These will then be used by the four classes now using the old classrooms, which will then be demolished to make way for new ones under Phase Two of the project", she said.

"The present hall, kitchen and community rooms will remain, but will be extended and refurbished."

Mrs Leach said she was very pleased to see that the wild life area and new pond, recently constructed and which is closed off at present, was gradually coming to life and which will be a great asset to the school in the future.

"This has been a complicated development for all engaged in the work of the school", concluded Mrs Leach, "and I look forward to the time when all the children will be together on one site".

'Challenge' understands that the attractive and 70

year old gates of the Shirley School facing Green End Road will be moved and placed somewhere in the new school.

When the whole school is up and running in 2011, it will provide 52 part time nursery places, 420 primary school places, a children's centre and facilities for the St George's Scout Group to replace its present headquarters at the Shirley. There will also be improved and extended community facilities.

A car park for 50 places has already opened on the site.



The Bishop of Ely, Dr Anthony Russell, walking along the banks of the river Cam in St George's parish during his recent trek between Ely and Cambridge to mark two celebrations – the 900th anniversary of the Ely Diocese, and the 800th anniversary of the University of Cambridge.

Even better marks for the Manor!

FOLLOWING last year's improving GCSE results at the Manor Community College, when the percentage of pupils achieving five or more A to C

grades had risen from only 32 per cent in 2007 to 49 per cent in 2008, results announced in August for the 2009 examinations show a further upgrade to 52 per cent.

Mr Ben Slade, Principal of the college, said: "We are delighted with the continued improvement – all our targets we have set by the government's 'National Challenge' have been exceeded, and we hope to better this again in the coming months!"

"I would like to offer my congratulations to all of the students, to our committed staff and to their parents and carers for their support."

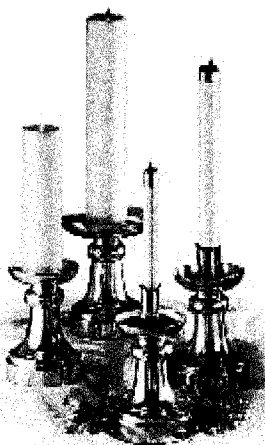
The Manor Community College is now a Creative and Performing Arts college and was recently rated by a government body as one of the most improved schools in the country.

The Great 'O's

A Service of hope and expectation for Advent.

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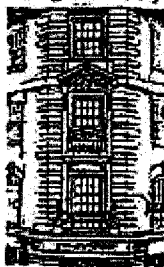


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St George's Groups

THE Kettle Club, which is becoming very popular, will meet in the Church Hall on Tuesday, 3 November for coffee, tea and biscuits at 10.30am.

On Tuesday, 10 November the Over 60's Club will meet in the Church Hall when Cliff Austine, a paramedic, will speak about the Cambridge Ambulance Service, followed on Tuesday, 24 November by the club's Christmas Dinner. Both meetings begin at 1.45pm.

Members of the Lunch Club will be sitting down to another very good meal on Tuesday, 17 November at 12.30pm, contact Arthur Clapp on 500220.

And the Gorakhpur Nurseries Project in North West India will be the charity to be helped from the proceeds of this month's Charity Coffee Morning to be held in church on Saturday 7 November between 10am-12noon. All welcome!

Carnival meeting

The next Arbury Carnival Meeting will be held at the centre on Wednesday, 14 November at 7pm when those involved in preparing next year's carnival, to be held on Saturday, 12 June, will meet together - all residents welcome to attend.

KH Anti-social meeting

THE next King's Hedges Antisocial Behaviour meeting will be held at the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way on Thursday, 26 November at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to all residents of King's Hedges.

Sunshine Group

THE Sunshine Group for the Over 55's will be meeting at the Brown's Field Community Centre on Monday, 2 November for a bingo session, and on Monday, 16 November when Don Flory, the News Editor of 'Chesterton Challenge', will hold a competition to find out who remembers when an important event or death happened during the last century, using Mr Flory's collection of old newspapers, plus another bingo session. Both meetings being at 1.30 pm.

A 'Children in Need' activity will be held at the cen-

tre on Friday, 20 November, 1-2.30 pm for afternoon tea and soft play for the under fives - price £1.

Grovebury ladies

THE Grovebury Ladies club will meet this month as follows: 3 - German Shepherd Homefinders plus jewellery display; 10 - 'Bereavement', talk by Cruse Councillor; 17 - Auction for Christmas Dinner; 24 - '800 years of Cambridge University', talk, Honor Ridout.

Arbury TG

THE Arbury Townswomen's Guild meets at the Arbury Community Centre on Thursday, 19 November at 2.30pm for a talk about preventing falls.

Local History Group

THE Chesterton Local History Group will be welcoming Graham Anthony when it meets at St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road on Tuesday, 17 November at 2.30pm.

Mr Anthony will speak about HMS Beagle, the ship which took Charles Darwin on a five-year survey of discovery, and which was commanded by Robert Fitzroy.

Methodists' Christmas Event

CHESTERTON Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Sat-

urday, 5 December at its premises in Green End Road between 11am-1pm.

There will be a selection of seasonal stalls on display with Father Christmas in attendance; entrance 20p, children free!

Baptists' Christmas Event

THE annual Christmas Event at the Arbury Road Baptist Church will be held on Saturday, 7 November, 10.30am-1pm when there will be a number of assorted stalls with refreshments. Proceeds will go towards the work of Home and Oversea missions.

Chesterton Christmas Tree event

THE Christmas festival is nearly upon us and many residents living in Chesterton, especially children, will be looking forward to when the lights surrounding the Christmas tree at Chesterton Methodist Church are turned on by the Mayor of Cambridge, once again.

This year, the popular annual ceremony will be on Tuesday, 1 December at 6pm by this year's Mayor, Councillor Russ McPherson.

There will be carol singing and Father Christmas will be giving presents to the children.

Arbury Christmas Tree event

A DATE for the diaries of those living on the Arbury and King's Hedges estates - the popular annual Christmas Tree event in Arbury Court will be held on Tuesday, 8 December at 4pm.

Panto time

THE annual pantomime arranged by the King's Hedges Neighbourhood Partnership will take place at the Arbury Community Centre on Saturday, 16 January at 3pm.

Last January the Partnership staged 'Dick Whittington' at the centre, and will follow this with a performance of 'Aladdin' this coming January.

Tickets go on sale on Monday, 9 November from the Community House, 37 Lawrence Way and will cost £5.50p for adults and £3.50p for children, which includes a goodybox and refreshments. For more information contact Marie Cassidy on 508197.

Council meeting

THE next City Council's North Area public committee meeting will be held at the Manor Community College on Thursday 12 Nov at 7.30pm, attended by local City Councillors and City Officers.



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